

## **Teleconference Summary**

**January 9, 2013 (12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. PST)**

### **1. Welcome and Introductions**

The meeting was called to order at 12:02 p.m., January 9, 2013, by the Chair of the Delta Independent Science Board (ISB or the Board), Dr. Richard Norgaard. One member of the Board was physically present at the teleconference location in Sacramento: Dr. Richard Norgaard. Nine members attended by phone: Brian Atwater, Elizabeth Canuel, Tracy Collier, Harindra (Joe) Fernando, Edward Houde, Jay Lund, Judy Meyer, Vince Resh, and John Wiens.

None of the Delta ISB members made any new disclosures.

Delta Science Program (DSP) Staff in attendance were: Lauren Hastings, Marina Brand, and Joanne Vinton. Peter Goodwin attended by phone.

Norgaard announced tentative Delta ISB meeting dates through September: February 14-15, March 21-22, April 18-19, May 16-17, July 11-12, August 8-9, and September 12-13.

### **2. Discuss format of the Delta ISB's report on the habitat restoration/climate change program review**

Resh and Canuel started work on a template for the Board's report on the habitat restoration/climate change program review. The [draft document](#) has much more detail than other Board members expected, but Canuel emphasized that it is a work in progress. The Board will continue to gather information from consultants, San Francisco Estuary Institute staff, and U.S. Geological Survey researchers. The Board members will continue discussion of the document at their next meeting on January 16-17.

Norgaard said that the document needs more specifics, such as a list of restoration projects, agency names, and recommendations for leadership. Meyer said that the document needs to clearly articulate the Board's evaluations, concerns, and include a recommendation to develop performance measures. Houde emphasized the need for strategic planning for restoration projects. Scale is important. There must be thresholds of size and scale related to impact on the ecosystem as a whole. For example, if a project is too small, it could provide aesthetic value, but might not improve the ecosystem.

Board members will send comments and specific text to Canuel and Resh.

The Board discussed the challenge of posting draft documents on websites and the need to make it clear to the public that the documents are drafts and not final.

### **3. Discuss amending Delta ISB operating guidelines to better define duties of the Delta ISB officer positions and the process of succession**

Norgaard and Collier proposed that the Board's officer positions be changed from Chair and Vice-Chair to Chair, Chair-elect, and past-Chair. Terms for the positions would be two years. After serving, the Chair would become past-Chair, the Chair-elect would become Chair, and a new Chair-elect would be elected by the Board. The past-Chair would finish any Board projects that he/she had started. To see the draft proposal, click [here](#).

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Meyer suggested adding an explanation that one of the officers will be expected to report to the Delta Stewardship Council (DSC) at their monthly meetings, so will need to live reasonably close to the DSC meeting locations.

Collier will edit the draft proposal and send the final proposal to Brand. It will then be reviewed by the DSC legal counsel and discussed at the Board meeting on January 16-17. Final approval will be included as an action item at a subsequent Board meeting.

Board members discussed when the proposal should take effect. Canuel suggested that the transition should take place in June 2013.

**4. Public Comment (For matters that were not on the agenda, but within subject matter jurisdiction of the Delta ISB.)**

None.

**12:50 p.m. – Adjourned**